

# Cambridge Human Rights Commission Thursday, March 6, 2014

Present: Commissioners Chanta Bhan, Bonita Cox, Melissa Gonzalez-Brenes, Kerry Gough, Kim Nghiem, Brendan St. Amant and Randa Shedid; and City staff Nancy Schlacter, Mariah Freark and Carmen S. Negrón.

Absent: Commissioners Mercedes Evans, Harry Reyes and Sabrina Selk.

Guest: Police Superintendent Chris Burke

#### Documents Used:

- February 2014 minutes
- Cambridge Community Television info e-mail flyer
- NCFY Resources on Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking
- Human Trafficking The New Massachusetts Law PowerPoint

### 1. Call to order

Chair Bonita Cox called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

### 2. Public Comment

No public comment.

### 3. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Schlacter listed pending cases, outreach, and staff activities. She updated the Commission on this year's Fair Housing month event and announced that the date had been changed to Wednesday April 16, 2014. She also updated the Commission about the Equal Access Rule Seminar and invited Commissioners to the event on Monday April 7, 2014 at MIT. She updated the Commission about the status of the current Commission vacancy.

## 4. Review and approval of January minutes

Commissioner Gonzalez-Brenes motioned to approve the February minutes. Commissioner Shedid seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved. (Commissioners Bhan, Cox, Gonzalez-Brenes, Nghiem, Gough, St. Amant, and Shedid).

### 5. February meeting follow-up

## a. Chris Burke

Superintendent Burke handed out a presentation with general information about human trafficking. He talked about human trafficking in Boston and stated that luckily not much happens in Cambridge. He said the police are being trained on what to look for and what the laws are.

### 6. New business

Executive Director Schlacter asked if Commissioners would be interested in participating in the Public Service Announcement (PSA) Day the Cambridge Community Television (CCTV) is sponsoring. Commissioners Gough and Nghiem volunteered to participate.

### 7. Outreach Subcommittee

Commissioners dedicated the rest of the meeting to strategic planning about outreach activities.

Commissioner Bhan motioned to adjourn and Commissioner Shedid seconded. (Commissioners Bhan, Cox, Gonzalez-Brenes, Nghiem, Gough, St. Amant, and Shedid).

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Next Commission meeting is Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.